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Comments: Subject: \$11.6 million ski mountain sewer line upgrade;
Waterville Valley Resort Scoping

We are full time residents of Waterville Valley and writing, again, to express our concern on the adverse financial impact to the Town of Waterville Valley of the proposed Waterville Valley Resort Proposed Expansion. There are significant project environmental decisions with huge local financial implications

At the time of our first letter last year the Town was facing a \$40 million requirement to replace and upgrade a WasteWater Treatment facility (WWTF) that included at that time \$5 million to replace a sewer line connecting the Waterville Valley Ski Resort, owned by local investors led by the Sununu family, and the existing Waterville Valley WWTF. During a public hearing held on 2/11/2026 total project cost was updated to \$117.2 million including a more than doubling to \$11.6 million for the sewer line replacement.

The Town is not party to the US Forest Service special use permit issued to Waterville Valley Ski Resort. The Town should not be responsible for the sewer line costs or any negotiations regarding challenging environmental compliance issues as identified at a Public Hearing held 2/11/2026 .

Unfortunately our SelectBoard initially determined the Town was responsible for that sewer line maintenance cost citing a long expired maintenance agreement. A review of the record shows there is no existing agreement. There were prior, expired Agreements between entities controlled by Founder Tom Corcoran calling for Ski Resort responsibility for annual assessments to recover at least initial sewer line construction costs and pay for monitoring and control of future discharges.

Given the magnitude of the \$100 million+ project , the Town of 700 residents is in no position to support the financing of the sewer line.

Following is Town Manager email to WV Ski Resort that there is no Agreement calling for the town to be responsible for sewer line upgrade/ cost

We look to the White Mountain National Forest process to hold the Ski Resort responsible for the environmental remedial actions related to the sewer line. We have already expended \$1.5 million on WWTF compliance much of which tied to the sewer line which is not our responsibility. We need to stop that "bleed."

Respectfully submitted

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WWTF Project Cost as Multiple of Current Annual Municipal Operation Tax: 20X

Result = tripling (3X) in annual tax rate (per PFM Financial Advisors):

Attachment : Status of Sewer Line agreement(s) with the Waterville Valley Ski Resort

A 2022 email from then WV Town Manager and the Sununu led ski resort leadership states there is no agreement making this a Town responsibility but offering to reach such agreement to attempt to access NH State Revolving Funding (SRF). Please also note the need expressed for subsequent agreement regarding operating costs once the upgrade is finished. Consultants note annual cost of waste water operation will escalate significantly with the proposed WWTF so any new agreement will need to address that future cost .

Also appended below are 1986 agreements between affiliated entities controlled by Founder, Tom Corcoran

addressing the initial cost to finance the sewer lines with Ski Resort repayments in the form of annual sewer rents.

From: Mark Decoteau (former Waterville Valley Town Manager)

Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 08:51

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Cc: Steve Royer <wvadministration@watervillevalley.org>; Dylan Tucker (wvmsd@watervillevalley.org) <wvmsd@watervillevalley.org>; Jim Mayhew <wvpublicworks@watervillevalley.org>; Ducharme, Joseph <jducharme@hoyletanner.com>

Subject: Sewer Extension Agreements 1986

James and Tim,

Attached are the two agreements between the Town and Ski Resort regarding the Sewer Line between the Base Lodge and WWTP that we have in Town files. The multi-page document is unsigned, but we believe it is the final draft of the agreement which was apparently signed in June, 1986. The one-page agreement from December 24, 1986 added to the June agreement. We would like to ratify the June, 1986 agreement so we can potentially have this eligible for SRF funding.

The intent is to use these agreement while we go through the new plant project. Then we will develop an all new agreement when we have the new line design substantially complete. That way we can incorporate the new design, and take into consideration possible future development phases and their impact on the line.

Please look the documents over and let me know if you have any questions.

Mark